

6. (AMENDED) The method of claim 2, further comprising administering the *Escherichia coli* strain DSM 6601 for at least about 10 days.

8. (AMENDED) The method of claim 3, further comprising administering the *Escherichia coli* strain DSM 6601 for at least about 10 days.

10. (AMENDED) The method of claim 4, further comprising administering the *Escherichia coli* strain DSM 6601 for at least about 10 days.

Insert new claims 11-21, as follows:

11. (NEW) The method of claim 2, wherein the mammal is a ruminant.

12. (NEW) The method of claim 11, where the ruminant is a bovine animal.

13. (NEW) The method of claim 3, wherein the mammal is a ruminant.

14. (NEW) The method of claim 13, wherein the ruminant is a bovine animal.

15. (NEW) The method of claim 4, wherein the mammal is a ruminant.

16. (NEW) The method of claim 15, wherein the ruminant is a bovine animal.

17. (NEW) A method for treating or preventing intestinal colonization of pathogenic fungi in a mammal, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of viable *Escherichia coli* strain DSM 6601.

18. (NEW) The method of claim 17, wherein the *Escherichia coli* strain DSM 6601 is administered orally.

19. (NEW) The method of claim 17, further comprising administering the *Escherichia coli* strain DSM 6601 for at least 10 days.

20. (NEW) The method of claim 17, wherein the mammal is a ruminant.

21. (NEW) The method of claim 20, wherein the ruminant is a bovine animal.